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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Crabb et al. May 11, 2001  
Predecessor Serial No.: 09/399,855 Group Art Unit No.: 1614  
Predecessor File Date: Sept. 21, 1999 Examiner: K. Weddington  
For: Methods of Use of Antimicrobial Compounds Against  
Pathogenic Mycoplasma Bacteria

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The above-captioned application is a divisional of US 09/399,855, which was allowed on January 29, 2001. Please amend the present application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-11, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 3, without prejudice or disclaimer, to read as follows:

3. A method of treating or preventing a bacterial infection by pathogenic Mycoplasma bacteria comprising the step of administering an antibacterially effective amount of a composition comprising a gemifloxacin compound, or an antibacterially effective derivative thereof, to a mammal suspected of having or being at risk of having an infection with pathogenic Mycoplasma bacteria.

Please add new claims 12-34:

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